

REMARKS

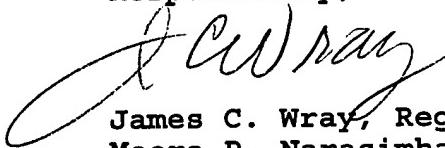
Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Newly added claims 65-83 are similar in scope to cancelled claims 1-64 and address the issues on page 2 of the office action. No new matter has been added. Entry and allowance are requested.

Applicant appreciates the indicated allowability of claims 47, 51, 57, and 61 after rewriting. Claim 65 tracks allowable claim 47, claim 71 tracks allowable claim 51, claim 76 tracks allowable claim 57, and claim 81 tracks allowable claim 61. No new matter has been added. Dependent claims are similar in scope to other cancelled claims and depend from claims 65, 71, 76 and 81 respectively making all those claims allowable.

Applicant has presented a novel, unique and non-obvious invention. Since this amendment places the case in condition for allowance, reconsideration and early allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully,



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